

DATE: November 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Temporary Authorization of New Institutions under the
Postsecondary Authorization Act

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Temporary Authorization

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission, under the Postsecondary Authorization Act, has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on October 20, 2005 and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of the following institutions.

A. BR & Associates

Whiteville TN

BR & Associates is located at 200 Harris Street, Suite B in Whiteville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes will be available at their Whiteville, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer one program.

Program:	Commercial Truck Driver Training
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	160 contact hours (5-weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

B. Georgia Career Institute

McMinnville TN

Georgia Career Institute is located at 755 North Chancery Street in McMinnville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE). All classes will be available at their McMinnville, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer one program.

Program:	Massage Therapy
Credential Awarded:	Diploma
Length of Program:	900 contact hours (12-months)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

C. Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company**Chattanooga TN**

Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company - Chattanooga is located at 7601 East Briarwood Road in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes will be available at their Nashville, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer seven programs.

Program:	Tennessee Casualty Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)

Program:	Tennessee Health Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)

Program:	Tennessee Life and Health
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)

Program:	Tennessee Life
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)

Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)

Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)

Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	8 contact hours (1-day)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

D. Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company**Knoxville TN**

Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company - Knoxville is located at 1645 Downtown West Boulevard, Suite 41 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes will be available at their Knoxville, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer nine programs.

Program:	Series 6 Classroom
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	24 contact hours (3-days)

Program:	Series 63 Classroom
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	8 contact hours (1-day)
Program:	Tennessee Casualty Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Health Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Life and Health
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Life
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	8 contact hours (1-day)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

E. Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company Memphis TN

Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company - Memphis is located at 6799 Great Oaks Road, Atrium II, Suite 130 in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes will be available at their Memphis, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer seven programs.

Program:	Tennessee Casualty Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Health Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)

Program:	Tennessee Life and Health
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Life
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	8 contact hours (1-day)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

F. Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company Nashville TN

Insurance Systems of TN, A Dearborn Company - Nashville is located at 30 Rachel Drive, Suite 203 in Nashville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes will be available at their Nashville, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer ten programs.

Program:	Series 6 Classroom
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	24 contact hours (3-days)
Program:	Series 7 Classroom
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	40 contact hours (5-days)
Program:	Series 63 Classroom
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	8 contact hours (1-day)
Program:	Tennessee Casualty Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Health Only
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)

Program:	Tennessee Life and Health
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Life
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	16 contact hours (2-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	32 contact hours (4-days)
Program:	Tennessee Property and Casualty
Credential Awarded:	N/A
Length of Program:	8 contact hours (1-day)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

G. International Sommelier Guild Ltd.

Knoxville TN

International Sommelier Guild Ltd. is located on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Room 207 of the 313 Conference Center Building in Knoxville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit-corporation. All classes will be available at their Knoxville site.

The institution will offer three programs.

Program:	Sommelier Training (Wine Industry)
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	189.5 contact hours (6-months)
Program:	Wine Fundamentals 1
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	24 contact hours (4-weeks)
Program:	Wine Fundamentals 2
Credential Awarded:	Certificate of Completion
Length of Program:	48 contact hours (8-weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

H. Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting, Inc.

Joelton TN

Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting, Inc. is located at 3353 Union Hill Road in Joelton, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes are offered online.

The institution will offer one program:

Program:	SFA Online Program
Credential Awarded:	Certificate
Length of Program:	27 semester credit hours (12-months)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

I. Milan Express Driving Academy Jackson TN

Milan Express Driving Academy is located at 53 E.L. Morgan Drive in Jackson, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation. All classes will be available at their Milan, Tennessee site.

The institution will offer one program.

Program:	Truck Driver Training
Credential Awarded:	Certificate
Length of Program:	200 contact hours (4-weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

J. National College of Business and Technology Memphis TN

National College of Business and Technology is located at 3545 Lamar Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

The institution will offer eleven programs.

Program:	Administrative Office Professional
Credential Awarded:	Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program:	96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program:	Business Administration–Accounting
Credential Awarded:	Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program:	96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program:	Business Administration-Management
Credential Awarded:	Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program:	96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program:	Computer Applications Technology
Credential Awarded:	Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program:	96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program:	Health Informations Technology
Credential Awarded:	Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program:	96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program: Medical Assisting Program
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program: Pharmacy Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program: Surgical Technology
Credential Awarded: Associate of Applied Science
Length of Program: 96 quarter credit hours (88-weeks)

Program: Accounting
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 60 quarter credit hours (55-weeks)

Program: Business Administration
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 48 quarter credit hours (44-weeks)

Program: Medical Office Specialist
Credential Awarded: Diploma
Length of Program: 60 quarter credit hours (55-weeks)

The institution participates in Title IV funding.

K. Professional Bartending School of East Tennessee Knoxville TN

Change of Ownership:

Professional Bartending School of East Tennessee is located at 8078 Kingston Pike, Suite 122, in Knoxville, TN. The institution is a for-profit corporation that has been authorized by THEC since 2000.

The institution was sold to Regina Marino of RJK Incorporated on April 14, 2005.

The institution will offer one program that is already approved by THEC, it is:

Program: Bartending/Mixology
Credential Awarded: Certificate
Length of Program: 2 weeks

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

L. Tri County Driving Academy Lebanon VA

Tri-County Driving Academy is located at Route 19 Central Center – Hansonville in Lebanon, Virginia. The institution is a for-profit corporation. The institution is recruitment only and all classes will be available at their Lebanon, Virginia site.

The institution will offer three programs.

Program:	Commercial Driver Training
Credential Awarded:	Career Studies Certificate
Length of Program:	160 contact hours (1 month)

Program:	Fiber Optic Training
Credential Awarded:	Career Studies Certificate
Length of Program:	120 contact hours (3 weeks)

Program:	Heavy Equipment Training
Credential Awarded:	Career Studies Certificate
Length of Program:	200 contact hours (5 weeks)

The institution does not participate in Title IV funding.

M. Williamson Christian College

Smyrna TN

Williamson Christian College is located at 150 Soccer Way in Smyrna, Tennessee. The College is a not-for-profit organization that is accredited by Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). All classes will be available at their Smyrna, Tennessee site.

Williamson Christian College will offer two degree programs that are already approved by THEC.

Program:	Leadership and Ministry
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor of Science
Length of Program:	52 credit hours (23-months)

Program:	Management and Ethics
Credential Awarded:	Bachelor of Science
Length of Program:	55 credit hours (24-months)

The institution participates in Title IV funds.